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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the Spring 2 Term. Remember if you have any queries you can request a chat at the end of the day. If you need to speak to Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Blythe, please let us know when you get to the front of the line and we will ask you to wait with your child at a social distance from other parents, until all the children have been reunited with their parents. You can also email us with queries at the addressees below. Our topic this half term is '**People who help us**'. Please find a planning overview for this half term attached detailing the curriculum areas we will be covering. It also includes some general information.

Reading books:

We are in the process of replenishing our Reading Scheme and as soon as the new books arrive we will be changing the way we send books home for **Reception children**. They will continue to have a 1-1 reading session with a Teacher each week (which could be any day) but instead of sending home 1 reading book we will shortly be sending home 3 books as follows:

1. **A phonics book** that **they read** to you. This will be at the correct level for your child's development in phonics and will be a book they have already read in school.
2. **A 'book bag' book** that is book that **we read** i.e. you and your child read this together. It will be matched to your child's phonic level but there may be a few tricky words or sounds they need your help with.
3. **A library or core book** that **you read** to them. This will be chosen by them and is just for their enjoyment.

A few notes about Reception Book Bags and Reading Diaries:

- Please send your child's books and diary in every day as we cannot guarantee which day they will read.
- We will be putting the new books and reading diaries in a plastic zip wallet inside their book bags as we have had a number of leaking water bottles damaging books this year and we don't want this to happen to our new books. Please ensure books are inside the wallet and it is zipped.
- It is really helpful if you sign the reading diary to say you have heard your child read and we love to see your comments about how they are getting on at home. However, if you are not able to do this sometimes, it's fine to ask your child to write their name or initials instead when they have read with you.



Nursery Children will continue bring home a book regularly that they have chosen for you to share with them. Please read these to your child and encourage them to join in where they can.

Phonics Homework:

Reception children also continue to have Phonics homework sent home on Thursdays to be collected in on the following **Thursday**. It is really helpful for their progress if they also spend some time on **Nessy** each week as it is a fun way to practise their phonics online, with targets personalised targets for your individual child.

Please don't hesitate to request a chat with one of us after school, if you have any queries, however small about this or any other matters about your child. We are always happy to make a time to talk with you.

Yours sincerely,

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